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The improvement of the Miskolc (R 49/J 87) - Satoraljauhely railroad line as a double-track line is being pushed. An engineer of the construction bureau said that the line was to be completed in 1950.

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Comment:

The previous double-track Budapest-Miskolc-Satoraljauhely trunk line, which was heavily damaged in 1944, was reconstructed single-track after the war. The second track was laid in the Budapest-Miskolc section, a 185-km stretch, by the beginning of October 1948. Work on the second section, about 85 km long, was started in 1949. As an E-W connection to the Czechoslovakian border (Satoraljauhely is the border station) where it joins the Czech European-gauge line to the junction of the Hungarian, Czechoslovakian and Soviet borders and to the transfer points of Cerna (Czechoslovakia) and Čop (Soviet Union), this line is of greatest importance.

The Hungarian transfer point of Zahony where the transloading from European-gauge to Soviet-gauge is being done, is on a single-track line running farther east, parallel to the line under discussion.

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